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*District of New Mexico*

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September 28, 2020

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL :**

Conferina Iris Halpern  
2801 Loudon Circle  
Las Vegas, NM 87701

RE: NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE  
*United States v. \$9,950 in U.S. Currency, et.al.,*  
Civil No. 1:20-cv-00454-SWS-MLC

To Potential Claimant:

The United States has filed a complaint for forfeiture against the Defendant Property in the above case on May 12, 2020. Enclosed are a Verified Complaint *in Rem* and a Notice of Complaint for Forfeiture Against Property.

By receipt of this letter, you are given actual notice of the forfeiture proceedings of the Defendant Property referred to in the complaint. If you wish to contest a forfeiture case, you must file a verified claim to the property within **35 days** of service of the complaint. The claim must be signed by the claimant under penalty of perjury and must identify the particular property or properties in which the claimant claims a legal right, title or interest. In addition, serve and file an answer to the complaint within **21 days** after filing the claim. Your claim and answer must be filed under the above case name and number in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, Clerk of the Court at 333 Lomas Blvd., N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, with a copy mailed to me. If you do not file the appropriate pleadings, I will request a default judgment.

Thank you for your attention to the matters discussed in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN C. ANDERSON  
United States Attorney

  
Stephen R. Kotz  
Assistant U.S. Attorney

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**Civ. No. 1:20-cv-00454-SWS-MLC**

\$9,950.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,

\$2,000.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,

\$1,243.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,

*Defendants-in-rem.*

To: CONFERINA IRIS HALPERN

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE  
AGAINST PROPERTY**

A civil complaint seeking forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) was filed on May 12, 2020 in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico on behalf of the United States of America, plaintiff, against the Defendant Property. The complaint alleges that said property may, for the causes stated in the complaint, be forfeited to the United States.

All persons asserting an interest in or claim against the Defendant Property and who have received direct notice of the forfeiture action must file a verified claim with the Clerk of this Court pursuant to Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime and Asset Forfeiture Claims, **thirty-five (35) days** after the notice is sent. In addition, any person having filed such a claim shall also serve and file an answer to the complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure within **twenty-one (21) days** after filing the claim.

Supplemental Rule G(5) provides in pertinent part: "The claim **must**: (A) identify the

specific property claimed; (B) identify the claimant and state the claimant's interest in the property; (C) be signed by the claimant under penalty of perjury; and (D) be served on Assistant United States Attorney, [Stephen R. Kotz], designated under Rule G(4)(a)(ii)(C) or (b)(ii)(D)."

Claims and Answers are to be filed with the Clerk, United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, 333 Lomas Blvd., N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102 with a copy thereof sent to the Assistant United States Attorney, P.O. Box 607, Albuquerque, NM 87103. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Additional procedures and regulations regarding this forfeiture action are found at 19 U.S.C. §1602-1619, 28 C.F.R. Part 9, and 18 U.S.C. § 983.

Please check [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov) for a listing of all judicial forfeiture notices.

Dated: AUG 17 2020

Mitchell R. Elfers  
Clerk of Court

By: Sisa Newino  
Deputy Clerk